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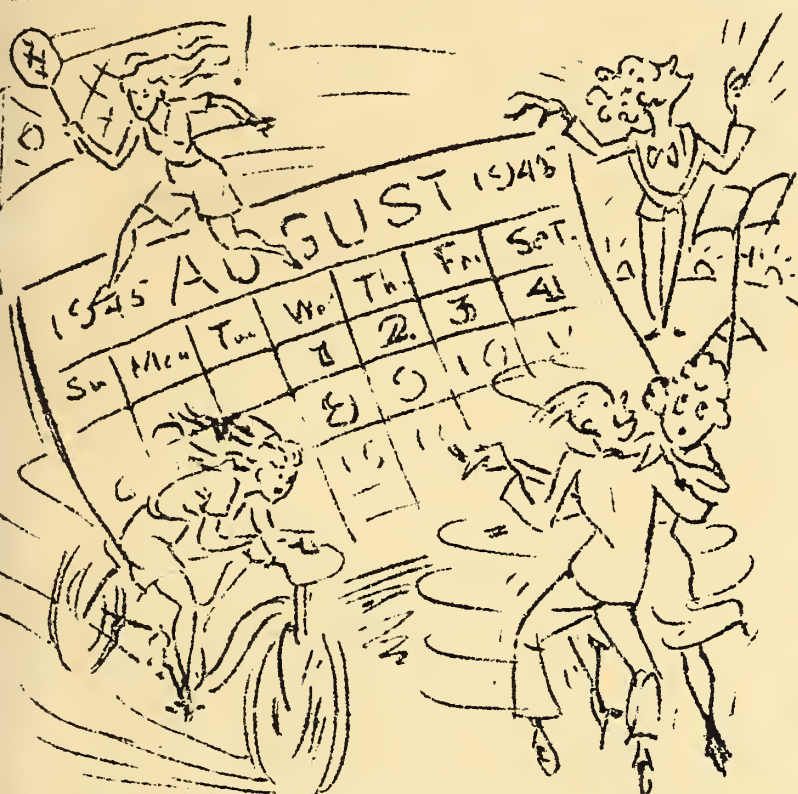
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN AUGUST

Mondays: Square Dance, 8:30, Thomson Center, 12th & L, N.W.; Music Nite, 7:30, YWCA, 17th & K, N.W.; Badminton, 7:30, Central Center, 13 & Clifton, N.W.; Photography Class, 8:00, NCCS, 1912 N. Capitol.

Tuesdays: Beginners' Social Dancing, Drama Classes, 8:00, Roosevelt Center, 13th & Upshur, N.W.; Ceramics Class, 7 - 10, Friendship House, 619 D, S.E.

Wednesdays: South American Social Dancing Class, 8:00, Central Center and Langley Center, 1st & T, N.E.; Rhumba and Tango Class, 9:00, Walsh Club, rear 1523 - 22nd, N.W.

Thursdays: Bike Ride and Lessons, 6 - 7, Potomac Hostels, 472 Indiana Ave., N.W.; Drama and Orchestra Classes, 8:00, Roosevelt Center.

Fridays: Dance, 9:00, YWCA, 17 & K, N.W.; Informal Party Nite, 8:00, NCCS, 1814 N, N.W.; Beginners' Ballroom Dancing Class, 9:00, Walsh Club.

Saturdays: Tea Dance, 3:30 - 5:30, YWCA, 17th & K, N.W.; Dance, 9 - 12, Walsh Club; Overnite bike or hike trip, Potomac Hostels, EX. 3500.

Sundays: Tea Dance 5 - 6:30, Walsh Club; Concert, 8:00, National Gallery of Art, 6th & Const., East Garden Court.

REPORT

We are proud to report that once again USDA employees have gone over the top on a war loan drive. In the Seventh War Loan, Departmental employees purchased 119% of their quota and Field employees bought 121.1% of their quota. 120.6% of the Dept's. quota (\$7,208,279.69) was invested by employees in Bonds during this drive.

The bureaus having the highest percentage of their quota in the Departmental service are ARA (Adm. Ofc.) - 276%, BAI - 179%, E&PQ - 165%. The bureau having the highest total percentage (including Departmental and Field) is ARA - 179%. You have come thru in true USDA style.

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GUEST SPEAKER

At the monthly staff meeting of the Office of Personnel held on July 25, members of O. P. and guests from among bureau personnel folks were privileged to hear our new Secretary of Agriculture, Clinton P. Anderson. Secretary Anderson, who is very much interested in the employees of the Department, spoke extemporaneously on his ideas of personnel policies and practices. He also touched on the reorganization necessitated by the incorporation of the WFA into the Department.

It was regretted that all USDA employees could not be invited to this meeting but the limited seating capacity of the auditorium had to be considered in issuing invitations.

"OPISAE"

We've just received the latest issue of OPISAE (pronounced 'ope I see ya'), the organ of the Plant Industry Station Employees' Association and we think it's excellent. We want to commend the editor, John Ferrall, for his fine paper and the Association for the manner in which it is contributing to the welfare of the bureau's employees.

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We aren't trying to go Confucian on you but here's a thought worth considering: "No one has a right to expect a square deal in his human associations unless he deals squarely with others." (It's not Confucian.)

FLOWERS

Don't forget the article in the last News Bulletin requesting flowers for the cafeterias. Now that the rains have "let up" a bit you folks with gardens will probably have a wealth of flowers to bring in. Potted plants are also acceptable.

There were some flowers contributed last week in spite of the unfavorable weather. Honorable mention goes to Mrs. Laura Strunk, CCC, who, altho she commutes by bus from Baltimore, brought flowers from her garden.

Remember! Mrs. Moran, ext. 5704, room 6510 is the one who receives the flowers - anytime between 9 and 10:30 a.m. Flowers donated which are still fresh when the weekend comes around will be sent to one of the U.S.O.'s for the enjoyment of the servicemen.

SEE THEM YOURSELF

The German surrender documents have been added to the F. D. Roosevelt exhibit at the National Archives, Constitution Ave., between 7th and 9th Sts. This exhibit may be seen thru September 1 and it is well worth stopping by to see. The hours are 8:45 to 5:15, weekdays, and 1:30 to 5 on Sundays.

LIBRARY HOURS

The Department Library hours from August 18 through September 3, inclusive, will be 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday.

OVERSEAS STAR

Ten weeks ago many of you put in orders for copies of the overseas edition of the Star and you have received your copies each Wednesday from your bureau contact officer. Are you using the copies given you? If not please let your contact officer know so they may be given to someone who didn't get his request in in time... No more copies can be obtained because of the paper shortage and we want to be sure every copy sent to USDA goes on to a member of the armed forces.

Sometimes extra copies are available at the Information Desk in the Patio, on Thursdays.

MT. VERNON CAMERA STROLL

What could be more delightful (if it doesn't rain) than a camera stroll at Mount Vernon on August 5, from 9:15 a.m. to 6 p.m.? It is conducted under the auspices of the National Capital Parks and is led by Georges Dimitri Boria, an artist and an expert photographer.

Take the AB&W bus from 12th and Penna. Ave., N.W. at 9:15 a.m. to Alexandria where you transfer to the Mount Vernon bus at 10 a.m. You arrive at Mt. Vernon at 10:25; leave Mount Vernon at 4:45. Fare is 40¢ one way. Be sure to take your lunch.

PORTUGUESE CLUB

The third luncheon meeting of the USDA Portuguese Club will be Mon. Aug. 6, room 6962, at 12 noon. For reservations call Mr. Lester, X-2148.

ART GALLERIES

Washington has many art treasures which are exhibited in its eight or ten galleries and a great deal of pleasure and worth-while information can be obtained from visits to them.

You might start with the Phillips Memorial Gallery at 1600 - 21st St., N.W. The hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., weekdays; reopens Monday, 7 to 10 p.m. Sunday hours are 3 to 7 p.m.

This month you may see the following exhibits: Picasso - "Musical Instruments", Bonnard - seventeen paintings, Daumier - lithographs, Roussault - lithographs of the Circus.

There is a concert held each Sunday afternoon at 5. The August concerts are: 5th - Piano Recital - Eleanor Allen and Elaine Cipriano; 12th - Joint Recital - Mary Fraser, Soprano, Capt. Edwin Davis, U.S.A., piano, Marybeth Garvey, accompanist; 19th - Song Recital - Herman Gunter, baritone, Theodore Schaeffer at the piano; 26th - Piano Recital - Music by Scarlatti, Debussy, Albeniz, Tcherepine.

TWILIGHT HOUR

Each Tuesday evening thru September 4, the Washington Cathedral has a Twilight Hour program. At 7:15 there is a tour conducted thru the Cathedral and at 8:15 there is a recital on the Great Organ. Everyone is welcome.

4:15 TO 5:15 PLEASE!

The Division of Personnel Relations and Safety has been certifying gasoline applications for home-to-work driving for Department employees for more than 2 years. This is a service which the Department is pleased to be able to render employees in order to facilitate their obtaining necessary gas rations.

Since PR&S performs a wide variety of services for employees it is necessary to have a specific time for certifying your applications in order that this one service will not take more time than is absolutely necessary. That is the reason you've been requested to bring your applications to room 528 for certification only between 4:15 and 5:15 unless of course it is an emergency case. Be sure your passengers sign before you request certification. Your cooperation helps the division to serve you more efficiently.

TAKE CARE OF YOUR CHECK

The Treasury Department urges you to cooperate with it in handling your pay check by following these simple rules: Do not use metal staples or pins to fasten papers to salary checks; do not spindle, fold, clip or otherwise mutilate. Doing these things causes damage to equipment, further mutilation of the checks and inaccurate accounting results, thus defeating the purpose for which card checks were adopted.

ARE YOU A BLOOD DONOR?

WANT RIDES

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Miss Summers, 3925 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., ext. 5495
Miss Williamson, 2422 Observatory Place, N.W., ext. 3450
Mr. Cairns, 4800 Connecticut Ave., ext. 2204
Mr. Sartorius, 2714 - 29th St., S.E., ext. 3074
Mrs. Bowles, 1703 Bay St., or 17th and Penna., S.E., ext. 3271
Mrs. Dixon, 1510 S. Edgewood St., Arlington, Va., ext. 4771
Miss Kraus, 2827 - 28th St., N.W., ext. 2960
Miss Hanan, 2800 Woodley Road, N.W., ext. 2511

WANT RIDERS

Mr. Karpoff, Penna. and Alabama Ave., S.E., (Fairfax Village), ext. 6225
Miss Harshberger, Arlington Farms, ext. 4952
Mr. Ellis, 306 Todd Place, N.E., ext. 3671

WANTS ROTATER

Mr. Granger, 4514 Connecticut Ave., N.W., ext. 4006

PATTERN ALTERATION

If you have been buying patterns by size and proceeding to use them without fitting them because you didn't know how, you'll be grateful for this booklet, "Pattern Alteration". It's Farmers' Bulletin No. 1968 published by U.S.D.A. and copies may be obtained at the Publications Desk in the Patio.